

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Divisional Application of	)	
Rob NEEPER and John LILLIG	)	FOR: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
	)	TREATMENT OF SAMPLES ON
Serial No.: Unknown	)	SOLID SUPPORTS
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Serial No.: 09/549,958	)	Art Unit: 1744
Filed: April 14, 2000	)	
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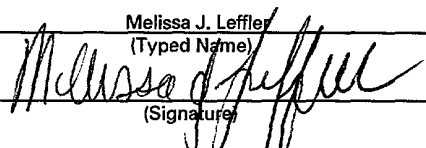
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies the filing of a Rule 60 Divisional Application relating to U.S. Serial No. 09/549,958 filed on April 14, 2000.

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